

TONGA

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	1887	Royal Proclamation		Geographic limits 173°-177° W. and 15° to 23°30'S.
	Jun 71			Became party to the 1958 Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone. Jun 72 Royal Proclamation 12nm Applied to Minerva Reef Annexation.
	Jun 79	Territorial Sea & EEZ Act, Act No. 30	12nm	
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	1887	Royal Proclamation		Basis for claims to historic waters within extensive rectangle.
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Aug 70	Continental Shelf Act, No. 6		
	Jun 71			Became party to the 1958 Convention on the Continental Shelf.
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Aug 73	Fisheries Protection Act No. 10		Terri-Fishing zone; repealed by Act No. 30.
	Jun 79	Act No. 30	200nm	EEZ and fishing zone: authorized licensing system, catch allocations, and fishing regulations; also authorized regulation of artificial islands/other installations and scientific research in EEZ.
	Mar 87	Fisheries Treaty		Proposed closed area: "All the waters with depths of not more than 1,000 m within the area bounded by the 15° and 23.5° of south latitudes and the 173° and the 177° of west longitudes: also within a radius of twelve miles from the islands of Teleki Tonga and Teleki Toklau."
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jan 80	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with France (Wallis & Futuna Islands) EIF on signature. Delimitation of economic zone is median line or line of equidistance from the baselines of the territorial sea.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Apr 82			Did not vote; did not sign.
	Aug 95			Became Party to Convention and Part XI Agreement.